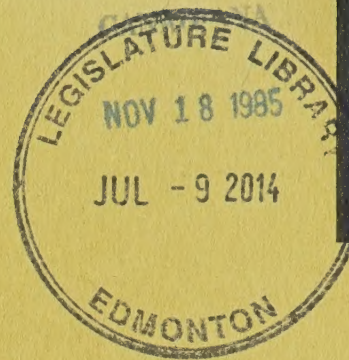


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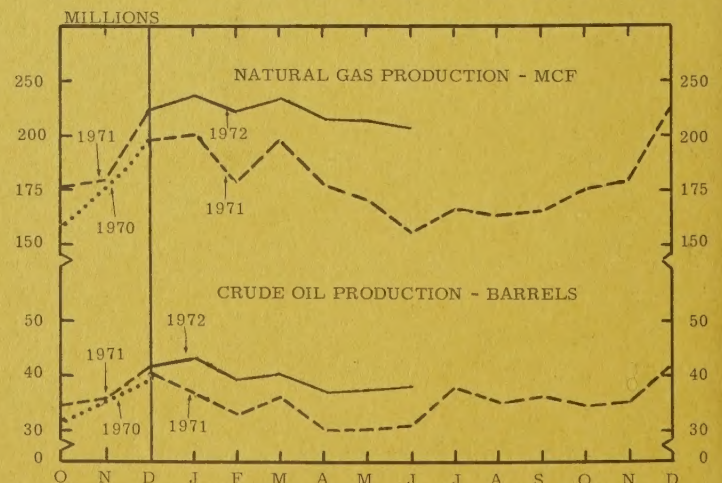
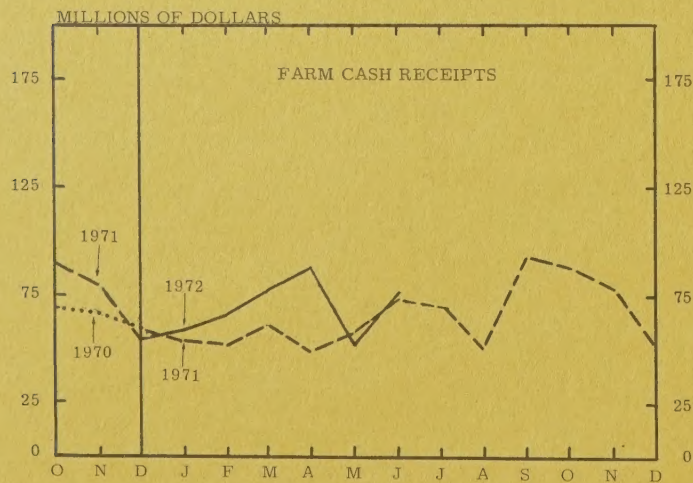
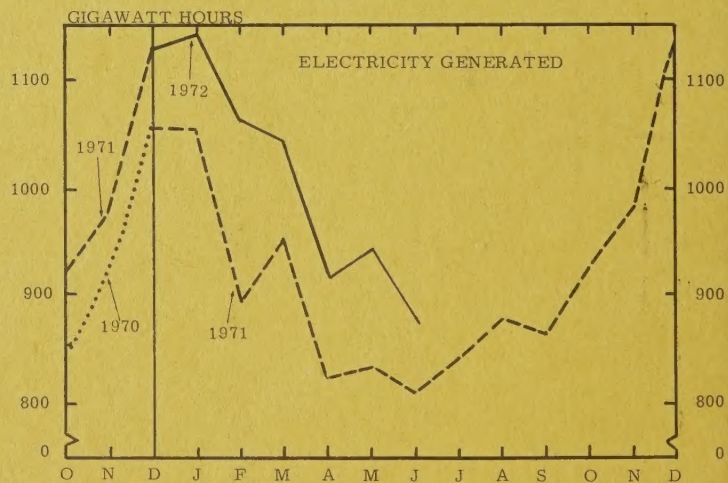
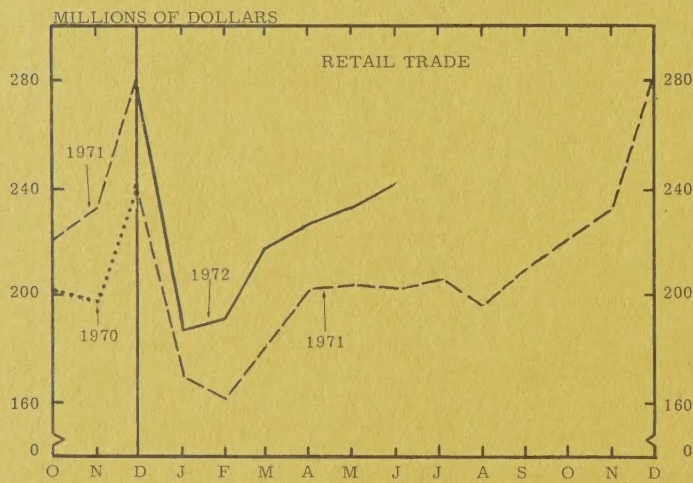
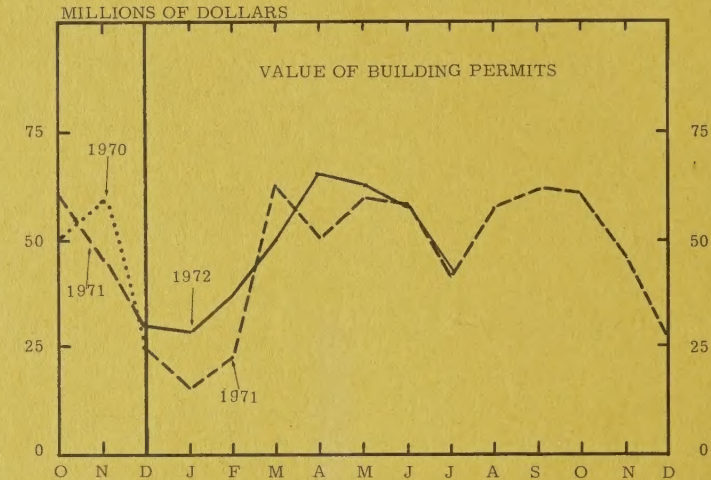
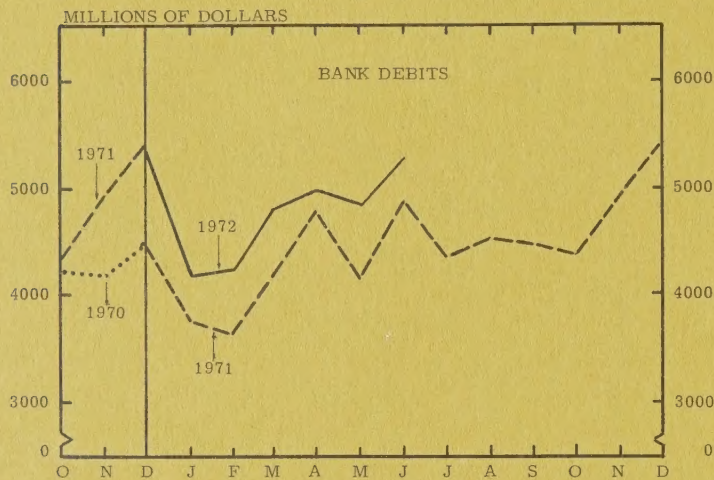
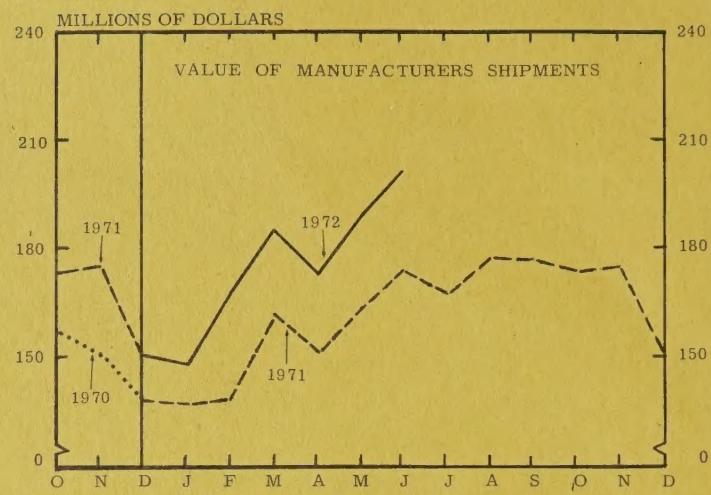
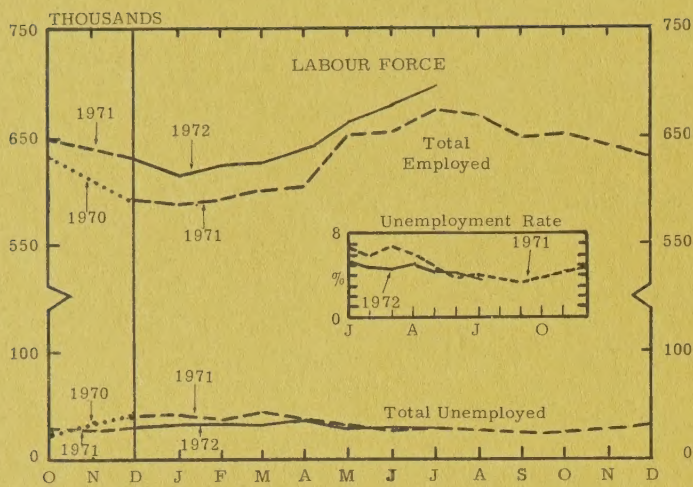
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## ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

Principal indicators for all major sectors of the provincial economy were encouraging during the first half of 1972.

Alberta farmers' cash receipts totalled \$417 million to the end of June, an increase of 20% over the comparable period last year. Most of this increase is attributable to the livestock industry, with receipts from sales of cattle and calves up \$28 million and receipts from hogs up \$14 million over 1971. Receipts for crops showed a 2% increase; decreases in cash income from oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, rapeseed and potatoes were more than offset by increased receipts from wheat, and lower repayments to the Canadian Wheat Board for cash advances on farm stored grains.

The value of shipments of all manufacturing industries in Alberta exceeded \$1,000 million during the first six months of 1972, an increase of 14.6% over the same period in 1971. Sales of packing plants in the province rose 25% in the first half, to \$284 million.

January to June cumulative figures also show strong advances in the petroleum industry. The value of sales of crude oil and natural gas increased 19% and 13% respectively as compared to the first half of 1971.

Dwelling starts in the large Alberta centres totalled 10,139 during the first six months of the year, up from 9,856 in 1971. The value of building permits issued increased some \$37 million to \$307 million. Residential building permits showed an increase in value of \$42 million during the first half of 1972, commercial building permits rose \$12.5 million; industrial building permits and institutional and government building permits decreased in value by \$1.7 million and \$15.7 million respectively.

Consumer demand, as measured by retail trade, has been buoyant throughout the first half of 1972. Preliminary January - June figures show a 15.5% increase, with all categories of retailers reporting substantial gains. Wholesale trade trends also reflect the optimistic consumer outlook as mid year cumulative figures indicate a rise in the neighbourhood of 17%.

The all-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.1% in July to a level 3.8% above that of July 1971. Both the housing and clothing components moved up by 0.2% since the preceding month while the food index edged up 0.1%.

In July 1972 the provincial unemployment rate was 3.9% as compared to 4.0% twelve months earlier. An estimated 28,000 persons were unemployed out of a total labour force of 726,000.

## ESTIMATED ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	June		Percent	January to June		Percent
	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	%	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	%
Wheat	25,039	14,669	-41.4	60,359	78,298	29.7
Oats	780	1,839	*	5,998	3,498	-41.7
Barley	5,759	7,457	29.5	46,101	26,900	-41.6
C. W. B. Net cash advance payments	-3,325	-860	-74.1	-15,348	-7,724	-49.7
Rye	585	225	-61.5	1,216	1,201	-1.2
Flaxseed	1,678	660	-60.7	7,069	5,335	-24.5
Rapeseed	2,790	2,809	0.7	22,731	21,924	-3.6
Sugar Beets	-	-	-	854	1,882	*
Potatoes	203	197	-3.0	4,036	3,702	-8.3
Vegetables	148	229	54.7	354	470	32.8
Other Crops	392	407	3.8	1,866	2,248	20.5
<b>TOTAL CROPS</b>	<b>34,049</b>	<b>27,632</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>135,236</b>	<b>137,734</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Cattle and Calves	24,276	26,950	11.0	122,801	150,903	22.9
Hogs	8,264	11,268	36.4	43,471	57,625	32.6
Sheep and Lambs	78	116	48.7	615	893	45.2
Dairy Products	4,465	5,002	12.0	22,582	24,551	8.7
Poultry	1,233	1,270	3.0	5,893	7,004	18.9
Eggs	1,111	1,168	5.1	7,524	7,403	-1.6
Other Livestock and Products	387	406	4.9	2,915	3,203	9.9
<b>TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>	<b>39,814</b>	<b>46,180</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>205,801</b>	<b>251,582</b>	<b>22.2</b>
Forest Products	2	2	-	42	46	9.5
Dairy Supplementary Payments	53	772	-	2,195	3,291	49.9
Deficiency Payments	-	1,449	-	101	3,904	*
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	73,918	76,035	2.9	343,375	396,557	15.5
Supplementary Payments	35	21	-40.0	3,123	20,192	*
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>73,953</b>	<b>76,056</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>346,498</b>	<b>416,749</b>	<b>20.3</b>

Cumulative figures incorporate all revisions to date and are considered more accurate than monthly estimates.

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM ALBERTA COUNTRY ELEVATORS  
(thousands of bushels)

	July		Percent	January to July		Percent
	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change
Wheat (Including Durum)	15,849	13,672	-13.7	67,697	75,596	11.7
Oats	642	873	36.0	8,031	7,634	-4.9
Barley	8,010	4,447	-44.5	53,057	51,522	-2.9
Rye	405	148	-63.5	1,374	1,330	-3.2
Flaxseed	763	78	-89.8	3,611	2,240	-38.0
Rapeseed	1,001	1,296	29.5	10,441	8,331	-20.2

## TOTAL LIVESTOCK MARKETING AT STOCKYARDS AND PACKING PLANTS

	June		Percent	January to June		Percent
	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change
	no.	no.	%	no.	no.	%
Cattle	118,347	123,881	4.7	557,364	610,367	9.5
Calves	5,867	6,254	6.6	58,207	59,837	2.8
Sheep and Lambs	3,311	3,980	20.2	25,765	34,464	33.8
Hogs	213,121	200,635	-5.9	1,083,908	1,065,360	-1.7

## SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

		May		Percent	January to May		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Oil Refinery Production:							
Motor Gasoline	M bbls.	1,651	1,334	-19.2	7,375	8,592	16.5
Diesel Fuel Oil	M bbls.	821	801	-2.4	3,236	4,796	48.2
Other	M bbls.	768	816	6.3	5,827	7,101	21.9
Total	M bbls.	3,241	2,951	-8.9	16,438	20,489	24.6
Brewed Products	M Gal.	2,142	2,636	23.1	8,548	10,413	21.8
		June			January to June		
Flour Mills (5 firms)		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Production	M Centals	327	398	21.7	1,996	2,235	12.0
All mill products shipped	\$'000	1,943	2,441	25.6	12,211	13,340	9.2
Creamery Butter							
Production	M Lbs.	3,271	2,948	-9.9	13,390	12,672	-5.4
	\$'000	2,169	2,064	-4.8	8,878	8,726	-1.7
Cheese							
Production	M Lbs.	401	463	15.5	1,826	2,108	15.4
	\$'000	254	294	15.7	1,159	1,464	26.3
Ice Cream							
Production	M Gal.	641	771	20.3	2,886	3,404	17.9
	\$'000	1,109	1,334	20.3	4,993	5,889	17.9
Carbonated Beverages	\$'000	2,203	2,563	16.3	10,936	11,555	5.7
Packing Plants							
Gross Sales	\$'000	41,164	48,091	16.8	227,138	284,464	25.2
Production	M Lbs.	74,238	73,807	-0.6	413,845	452,386	9.3
	\$'000	29,996	35,957	19.9	166,381	216,513	30.1
Exports	M Lbs.	45,716	44,642	-2.3	259,000	288,533	11.4
	\$'000	20,210	23,204	14.8	115,976	148,318	27.9
Livestock Slaughtered							
Cattle	No.	100,620	104,607	4.0	468,297	537,267	14.7
Calves	No.	1,604	1,087	-32.2	9,268	7,377	-20.4
Hogs	No.	203,968	198,338	-2.8	1,041,915	1,055,675	1.3
Sheep & Lambs	No.	2,779	2,870	3.3	17,715	23,518	32.8
Sawmills							
Production:							
Lumber	M. F. B. M.	14,638	23,000	57.1	330,442+	342,000	3.5
Railway Ties	No.	31,940	13,620	-57.4	232,997	131,025+	-43.8
Sales:							
Lumber	M. F. B. M.	53,119	53,000	-0.2	317,207+	325,000	2.5
	\$'000	3,924	5,257	34.0	21,560+	31,540+	46.3
Railway Ties	No.	31,443	13,907	-55.8	235,820	135,492+	-42.5
	\$'000	85	38	-55.3	637	366+	-42.5
Cement Production	M Tons	88	109	23.9	364	413	13.5
Value of Manufacturing Shipments:							
All Industries	\$'000	173,659	200,871	15.7	927,419	1,062,765+	14.6
Electricity:							
Net Generated	MWH	810,796	879,412	8.5	5,365,027	5,999,446+	11.8

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MINING, FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING

		June		Percent	January to June		Percent
		1971	1972	Change	1971	1972	Change
Crude Oil, Synthetic Crude, Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	30,728	37,371	21.6	196,091	234,785	19.7
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	14,546	15,716	8.0	87,171	91,710	5.2
Sales in United States	M Barrels	18,436	23,015	24.8	111,254	145,418	30.7
Value of Sales	\$'000	87,580	106,883	22.0	565,148+	675,006+	19.4
Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	2,858	4,744	66.0	22,193	27,067	22.0
Value of Sales	\$'000	8,476	13,995	65.1	65,434	79,259	21.1
Synthetic Crude							
Production	M Barrels	1,005	1,537	52.9	7,646	9,104	19.1
Value of Sales	\$'000	3,374	5,253	55.7	23,130	29,247	26.4
Natural Gas							
Production	M. M. C. F.	170,015	209,693	23.3	1,190,069	1,347,169	13.2
Sales in Canada	M. M. C. F.	60,024	68,716	14.5	449,656	515,403	14.6
Sales in United States	M. M. C. F.	59,188	62,962	6.4	392,304	406,725	3.7
Value of Sales	\$'000	19,310	23,128	19.8	134,886	152,032	12.7
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,286	2,247	74.7	10,836	13,826	27.6
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	549	655	19.3	4,961	5,487	10.6
Sales in United States	M Barrels	475	523	10.1	4,640	6,492	39.9
Offshore Sales	M Barrels	199	207	4.0	1,093	1,421	30.0
Value of Sales	\$'000	1,674	1,940	15.9	17,026	21,947	28.9
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	818	1,381	68.8	6,917	8,676	25.4
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	410	543	32.4	2,418	3,039	25.7
Sales in United States	M Barrels	409	711	73.8	3,820	5,122	34.1
Value of Sales	\$'000	1,088	1,668	53.3	8,433	11,037	30.9
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	327	535	63.6	2,228	2,919	31.0
Sales in Canada	M Long Tons	45	53	17.8	316	344	8.9
Sales in United States	M Long Tons	68	70	2.9	390	372	-4.6
Offshore Sales	M Long Tons	101	136	34.7	507	773	52.5
Value of Sales	\$'000	1,659	1,376	-17.1	8,985	9,110	1.4
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	368	506	37.5	2,030	3,018	48.7
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	251	297	18.3	2,121	2,142	1.0
Value of Sales							
Bituminous	\$'000	3,243	3,287	1.4	16,587	18,258	10.1
Sub-Bituminous	\$'000	309	418++	35.3	3,151	4,834++	53.4
Pulpwood Production							
	Cunits	11,078	28,493	*	30,899	142,749	*
	\$'000	228	587	*	636	2,939	*
		July			January to July		
		1971	1972		1971	1972	
Salt Production	M Tons	22	24	9.1	147	164	11.6
Lime Production	M Tons	7	12	71.4	47	59	25.5
	\$'000	136	234	72.0	950	1,174	23.6
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No.	3,323	1,037	-68.8	439,844	477,571	8.6
	\$	23,137	15,003	-35.2	1,377,814	2,999,325	*

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Fisheries production for fiscal year ending March 31, 1972 totalled 5,347,247 pounds, valued at \$1,411,450 as compared with 6,895,597 pounds, valued at \$1,587,718 in 1971.

VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

		Institutional and Government				Total Value June		Cumulative (January to June)	
		Residential	Industrial	Commercial		1971	1972	1971	1972
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
CENSUS DIVISION	1	843	49	39	115	944	1,045	1,897	6,026
Medicine Hat		694	49	30	115	325	887	1,094	5,537
CENSUS DIVISION	2	2,035	32	112	40	1,828	2,218	11,399	11,609
Lethbridge		1,449	29	36	40	954	1,554	9,451	7,019
CENSUS DIVISION	3	234	-	187	-	1,285	421	1,816	2,695
CENSUS DIVISION	4	81	-	22	5	10	108	81	183
CENSUS DIVISION	5	20	-	12	145	111	177	352	1,031
Drumheller		16	-	-	145	72	161	193	362
CENSUS DIVISION	6	9,546	180	3,363	5,129	24,453	18,219	113,601	108,466
Calgary		8,386	160	3,030	5,035	23,860	16,610	110,847	102,834
CENSUS DIVISION	7	238	-	51	-	216	289	877	2,769
CENSUS DIVISION	8	549	-	190	79	434	818	4,296	5,906
Red Deer		163	-	166	79	268	408	2,379	3,764
CENSUS DIVISION	9	164	-	148	-	372	312	3,826	1,558
CENSUS DIVISION	10	1,187	109	31	160	592	1,486	2,398	5,933
Camrose		395	-	-	-	203	395	873	1,294
Lloydminster		265	69	16	-	105	349	768	1,723
CENSUS DIVISION	11	21,532	1,329	4,429	1,610	23,757	28,900	112,309	137,605
Edmonton		15,832	1,263	3,348	413	16,670	20,856	85,554	98,617
Wetaskiwin		226	3	-	553	105	782	364	1,110
CENSUS DIVISION	12	1,796	-	301	-	1,814	2,097	4,975	6,648
CENSUS DIVISION	13	242	-	45	-	177	287	1,199	2,939
CENSUS DIVISION	14	293	7	110	604	714	1,013	3,108	2,793
CENSUS DIVISION	15	2,424	96	1,476	-	1,380	3,996	7,074	10,403
Grande Prairie		1,797	-	626	-	863	2,423	3,407	5,769
Total June		41,182	1,802	10,515	7,887	58,087	61,386		
January to June 1972		193,337	6,306	68,303	38,622				306,568
January to June 1971		151,000	8,035	55,806	54,368			269,209	
July 1971/1972 Preliminary						40,000	43,000	309,000	350,000

HOUSING STATISTICS

	June		Percent Change	January to June		Percent Change
	1971	1972		1971	1972	
Dwelling Starts						
Alberta ++	1,978	2,561	29.5	9,856	10,139	2.9
Calgary Metro	752	1,147	52.5	5,206	4,081	-21.6
Edmonton Metro	1,027	1,267	23.4	3,844	5,369	39.7
Lethbridge	48	36	-25.0	438	222	-49.3
Grande Prairie	65	60	-7.7	118	179	51.7
Medicine Hat	27	43	59.3	45	145	*
Red Deer	59	8	-86.4	205	143	-30.2
Completions						
Alberta ++	1,275	2,286	79.3	6,770	8,752	29.3
Calgary Metro	744	1,238	66.4	3,328	3,992	20.0
Edmonton Metro	483	927	91.9	2,992	4,097	36.9
Lethbridge	33	48	45.5	290	185	-36.2
Grande Prairie	10	24	*	94	160+	70.2
Medicine Hat	-	17	-	13	110+	*
Red Deer	5	32	*	53	208+	*
Under Construction						
Calgary Metro	5,946	4,811	-19.1	-	-	-
Edmonton Metro	5,937	9,555	-39.1	-	-	-
Lethbridge	523	238	-54.5	-	-	-
Grande Prairie	146	203	39.0	-	-	-
Medicine Hat	69	143	*	-	-	-
Red Deer	228	148	-35.1	-	-	-

++ Centres of 10,000 Population and over

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## WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - TRENDS

WHOLESALE TRADE <sup>+</sup>	June		Percent	January to June		Percent
	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
BY TYPES:						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	836	1,020	22.0	4,335	6,479	49.5
Auto Supplies and Equipment	6,300	7,560	20.0	89,802	110,157	22.7
Chemicals, Drugs & Allied Products	3,268	4,347	33.0	25,451	30,724	20.7
Dry Goods, and Apparel	971	1,057	8.9	7,511	8,523	13.5
Electrical Goods (Household & Industrial)	7,613	9,987	31.2	54,973	68,848	25.2
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	131	159	21.4	1,411	1,632	15.7
Farm Supplies	92	134	45.7	461	996	*
Furniture & House Furnishings	1,896	2,287	20.6	16,677	19,282	15.6
Groceries and Meats	29,086	30,203	3.8	190,971	214,327	12.2
Tobacco	4,326	4,713	9.0	24,973	27,067	8.4
Hardware	3,399	4,559	34.1	17,923	24,990	39.4
Building Materials (Excluding Lumber)	4,508	5,875	30.3	21,796	27,326	25.4
Lumber and Millwork	5,539	6,526	17.8	28,697	36,991	28.9
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies						
(Commercial and Construction)	2,699	3,010	11.5	14,352	16,849	17.4
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	4,353	5,433	24.8	25,807	34,652	34.3
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies						
(Industrial)	3,573	3,920	9.7	28,781	32,594	13.3
Professional Service, Transportation						
Equipment and Supplies	2,603	3,034	16.6	17,077	19,313	13.1
Metals and Metal Work	2,284	3,451	51.1	15,985	21,211	32.7
Paper and Paper Products	1,756	1,962	11.7	11,699	13,226	13.1
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	24,542	27,332	11.4	123,706	136,330	10.2
Plumbing & Heating Equipment & Supplies	5,460	6,141	12.5	30,205	32,606	8.0
Miscellaneous	912	964	5.7	7,045	8,438	19.8
TOTAL	116,149	133,673	15.1	759,636	892,562	17.5
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	40,522	47,082	16.2	307,654	363,331	18.1
Edmonton	40,947	46,947	14.7	262,365	315,163	20.1
Lethbridge	3,628	4,142	14.2	18,015	20,214	12.2
Medicine Hat	786	1,098	39.7	5,732	6,856	19.6
Red Deer	1,141	1,243	8.9	8,948	9,871	10.3
Smaller Centres	2,023	2,361	16.7	16,564	19,638	18.6
No Area Breakdown	27,101	30,800	13.7	140,358	157,490	12.2
TOTAL	116,149	133,673	15.1	759,636	892,562	17.5
RETAIL TRADE:	May			January to May		
	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	%
Grocery and Combination Stores	41,039	42,826	4.4	183,210	197,866	8.0
All Other Food Stores	5,576	6,238	11.9	17,632	19,899	12.9
Department Stores	28,398	33,524	18.1	124,609	146,852	17.9
General Merchandise Stores	7,302	8,242	12.9	29,848	34,077	14.2
General Stores	7,635	8,709	14.1	35,201	39,616	12.5
Variety Stores	2,647	2,751	3.9	9,866	10,464	6.1
Motor Vehicle Dealers	33,403	41,559	24.4	166,896	203,771	22.1
Service Stations and Garages	21,978	24,783	12.8	94,979	108,888	14.6
Men's Clothing Stores	2,624	2,875	9.6	11,532	12,779	10.8
Women's Clothing Stores	3,140	3,284	4.6	13,414	14,944	11.4
Family Clothing Stores	2,905	3,265	12.4	11,007	11,860	7.7
Shoe Stores	1,871	2,165	15.7	7,421	8,670	16.8
Hardware Stores	4,416	5,075	14.9	15,310	17,402	13.7
Furniture, T. V., Radio and						
Appliance Stores	2,896	3,535	22.1	18,247	22,822	25.1
Fuel Dealers	1,509	1,780	18.0	7,873	9,654	22.6
Drug Stores	6,488	6,807	4.9	30,050	31,960	6.4
Jewellery Stores	1,185	1,467	23.8	4,746	5,304	11.8
All Other Stores	28,232	33,165	17.5	136,677	156,019	14.2
TOTAL	203,244	232,050	14.2	918,518	1,052,847	14.6
Preliminary June 1971/1972	202,561	242,373	19.7	1,121,000	1,295,000	15.5

<sup>+</sup> The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

# GENERAL STATISTICS

			April		Percent Change	January to April		Percent Change	
			1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		
Persons Entering Through Customs Ports in Alberta:									
U. S. Visitors	No.		21,615	16,125	-25.4	63,637	54,316	-14.6	
Overseas Visitors	No.		729	1,273	74.6	1,779	2,699	51.7	
Canadian Residents Returning From the U.S.	No.		36,011	34,000	-5.6	101,434	98,340	-3.1	
			May			January to May			
			1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		
Unemployment Insurance									
Benefit Weeks	No.		123,246	168,204	36.5	737,959	827,747	12.2	
Benefit Payments	\$'000		4,426	11,125	*	27,108	53,543	97.5	
Financing of Motor Vehicles:									
Passenger Cars	No.		1,690	2,177	28.8	7,496	9,005	20.1	
	\$'000		3,634	4,782	31.6	15,753	19,680	24.9	
Commercial Vehicles	No.		1,429	1,705	19.3	5,102	6,041	18.4	
	\$'000		5,880	8,786	49.4	20,248	27,661	36.6	
Social Allowance Payments	\$'000		4,631	5,351	15.5	26,449	28,562	8.0	
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant									
Calgary International	No.		7,308	7,952	8.8	32,283	32,105	-0.6	
Springbank	No.		2,021	3,282	62.4	9,149	12,458	36.2	
Edmonton Industrial	No.		8,595	9,272	7.9	35,543	34,557	-2.8	
Edmonton International	No.		2,709	3,758	38.7	12,486	15,707	25.8	
Lethbridge	No.		1,414	1,729	22.3	6,265	5,619	-10.3	
			June			January to June			
			1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		
Bank Debits									
Calgary	M \$'000		2,501	2,769	10.7	13,840	15,634	13.0	
Edmonton	M \$'000		2,215	2,302	3.9	10,678	11,710	9.7	
Lethbridge	M \$'000		115	140	21.7	604	696	15.2	
Medicine Hat	M \$'000		44	51	15.9	240	275	14.6	
TOTAL	M \$'000		4,875	5,261	7.9	25,362	28,314	11.6	
Restaurant Receipts	\$'000		7,128	7,756	8.8	51,271	53,235	3.8	
Foreign Vehicles Entering Through Alberta Border Points			No.	18,617	20,951	12.5	45,912	47,944	4.4
Vital Statistics:									
Marriages	No.		1,549	1,520	-1.9	6,406	6,636	3.6	
Births	No.		2,439	2,417	-0.9	15,996	14,493	-9.4	
Deaths	No.		793	905	14.1	5,385	5,524	2.6	
Natural Increase	No.		1,646	1,512	-8.1	10,611	8,969	-15.5	
Life Insurance	\$'000		74,476	90,139	21.0	403,744	490,283	21.4	
			July			January to July			
			1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		
Visitors to National Parks									
Banff East Gate	No.		540,544	512,224	-5.2	1,467,560	1,498,429	2.1	
Elk Island	No.		67,463	66,365	-1.6	187,651	202,822	8.1	
Jasper East Gate	No.		385,984	417,347	8.1	778,837	844,620	8.4	
Waterton Lakes	No.		184,654	170,592	-7.6	338,429	293,500	-13.3	
TOTAL	No.		1,178,645	1,166,528	-1.0	2,772,477	2,839,371	2.4	

## POPULATION (thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	June 1 1971	April 1 1972	June 1 1972
1,463	1,490	1,524	1,559	1,595	1,628	1,650	1,655

## SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		May		Percent	January to May		Percent
		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change	1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	Change
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons	100,707	118,319	17.5	572,770	607,915	6.1
Stock and Poultry Secondary Feed	Tons	12,650	24,939	97.1	58,807	74,078	26.0
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons	1,422	1,614	13.5	8,212	8,798	7.1
Electric Lamps	M No.	-	1,587	-	-	9,514	-
	\$'000	-	534	-	-	3,102	-
Farm Implements	\$'000	8,534	12,907	51.2	23,722	31,164	31.4
		June			January to June		
		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2		1 9 7 1	1 9 7 2	
New Motor Vehicles	No.	7,606	9,584	26.0	38,128	47,340	24.2
	\$'000	29,395	40,751	38.6	147,380	198,858	34.9
Stoves: ++							
Gas	No.	1,057	435	-58.8	4,790	2,420	-49.5
Electric	No.	2,355	2,884	22.5	12,190	16,662	36.7
Washing Machines: ++							
Automatic	No.	1,503	1,709	13.7	8,492	10,519	23.9
Conventional	No.	366	538	47.0	2,693	3,185	18.3
Clothes Dryers: ++							
Gas	No.	185	227	22.7	1,330	1,971	48.2
Electric	No.	1,118	1,168	4.5	6,773	7,864	16.1
Mechanical Refrigerators ++	No.	4,011	4,566	13.8	18,065+	23,939	32.5
Home & Farm Freezers ++	No.	1,664	2,272	36.5	6,747+	8,753	29.7
T. V. Sets ++	No.	2,910	4,099	40.9	15,400	21,794	41.5
Radio Phonographs ++	No.	662	877	32.5	4,119	4,498+	9.2
Record Players ++	No.	359	477	32.9	2,576	3,007+	16.7
Domestic Water Tank Heaters ++							
Gas	No.	2,573	3,169	23.2	13,058	14,054	7.6
Electric	No.	1,313	442	-66.3	3,941	3,050	-22.6
Plywood	M Sq. Ft.	24,512	20,216	-17.5	111,638	126,396+	13.2
Margarine	M Lbs.	1,249	1,118	-10.5	7,357	6,781	-7.8
	\$'000	365	317	-13.2	2,136	1,952	-8.6
Asphalt shingles, 210 lbs. & over	Roof Sqs.	51,103	77,878	52.4	229,003+	273,900+	19.6
Rag & Asbestos Felt Roll							
Roofing (general)	Roof Sqs.	3,012	5,996	99.1	14,311+	20,503+	43.3
coated BUR	Roof Sqs.	882	1,822	*	3,729	4,787+	28.4
Mineral Surface Rag & Asbestos, Felt Roll							
Roofing & Siding	Roof Sqs.	7,815	8,923	14.2	28,914+	31,801+	10.0
Tar and Asphalt Felts	Tons	584	818	40.1	2,526	2,789	10.4
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (Kraft base)	Tons	104	130	25.0	550	585	6.4
Roofing Asphalt	Tons	1,123	1,923	71.2	6,063	6,805	12.2
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq. ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		590	276	-53.2	2,427	2,190	-9.8
Asphalt Sheathing Board		1,018	1,301	27.8	4,773	5,240	9.8
Roof Insulation Board		2,159	2,387	10.6	9,536	9,154	-4.0
Acoustical Tile		117	87	-25.6	555	828	49.2
Other Decorative Board		316	187	-40.8	1,901	2,293	20.6
Other Board		68	206	*	348	551	58.3
Total		4,268	4,444	4.1	19,540	20,256	3.7

+ Revised ++ Domestic

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA  
(in thousands)

	July 1970	July 1971	Average 1971	June 1972	July 1972+
<b>Population 14 Years of Age and Over</b>					
-Total	1,081	1,119	1,117	1,147	1,150
-Men	548	566	565	580	581
-Women	533	552	551	567	568
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	337	338
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	810	811
<b>Labour Force</b>					
-Total	689	702	664	709	726 C
-Men	465	474	446	478	490 B
-Women	224	227	217	232	236 D
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	205	227 C
(a) 14 to 19 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	98	121 D
(b) 20 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	107	106 C
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	504	499 B
(a) 25 to 44 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	289	287 C
(b) 45 to 64 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	198	196 C
(c) 65 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	16 E
<b>Employed Labour Force</b>					
-Total	660	674	633	680	698 C
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	460	471 B
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	221	227 D
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	187	209 D
(a) 14 to 19 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	87	109 D
(b) 20 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	100 D
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	494	490 C
(a) 25 to 44 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	283	281 C
(b) 45 to 64 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	194	193 C
(c) 65 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	16 E
-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	95	105 F
-Non-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	585	593 C
-Paid Workers	N/A	N/A	N/A	545	562 C
Non-Agriculture	N/A	N/A	N/A	531	540 C
<b>Unemployed Labour Force</b>					
-Total	28	28	31	29	28 E
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	19 E
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	8 F
-14 to 24 Years of Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	18 F
-25 Years of Age and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	9 F
<b>Not in the Labour Force</b>					
-Total	393	417	453	438	424 C
-Men	N/A	N/A	N/A	102	91 D
-Women	N/A	N/A	N/A	335	333 C
Labour Force Participation Rate %	63.7	62.7	59.5	61.8	63.1 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate %	4.1	4.0	4.7	4.1	3.9 E

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SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

		July 1970	July 1971	Average 1971	June 1972	July 1972+
<b>CALGARY</b>						
Labour Force Participation Rate	%	65.7	64.4	60.5	65.0	64.6 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	%	5.0	4.9	5.5	3.9	3.7 F
<b>EDMONTON</b>						
Labour Force Participation Rate	%	65.6	65.1	62.2	63.9	65.1 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	%	4.5	3.8	5.2	5.6	5.3 F
<b>CENSUS DIVISIONS 5, 6, &amp; 9</b>						
Labour Force Participation Rate	%	65.2	63.7	59.9	63.7	64.3 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	%	4.6	4.5	5.0	3.6	3.4 F
<b>CENSUS DIVISION 8 &amp; 11</b>						
Labour Force Participation Rate	%	64.8	64.1	61.2	62.7	64.5 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	%	3.9	3.9	4.9	5.0	4.6 F
<b>CENSUS DIVISIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, &amp; 15</b>						
Labour Force Participation Rate	%	60.6	59.7	56.5	59.3	60.4 C
Labour Force Unemployment Rate	%	3.6	3.0	3.8	3.2	3.3 F

+ For an explanation of alphabetic symbols, refer to footnote of table titled, "Alberta Labour Force and Related Data."

ALBERTA LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY

	January 1972	March 1972	May 1972	June 1972+
<b>Total Employed</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>680 C</b>
Goods - Producing . . . . .	219	216	248	253 D
Agricultural . . . . .	87	82	100	95 F
Other Primary . . . . .	32	33	31	31 F
Manufacturing . . . . .	62	62	63	68 E
Construction . . . . .	37	40	54	58 E
Service - Producing . . . . .	397	409	417	427 D
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities . . . . .	59	53	56	57 E
Trade . . . . .	104	111	111	117 D
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate . . . . .	26	28	29	28 E
Community, Business, and Personal Services . . . . .	163	174	174	181 D
Public Administration . . . . .	44	43	46	45 E
<b>Total Unemployed . . . . .</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29 E</b>
<b>Total Labour Force . . . . .</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>709 C</b>

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PRINCIPAL STATISTICS - SPECIFIED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALBERTA, 1969 & 1970

Industries	Year	Establish- ments	Employees		Value of Shipments Of Goods of Own Manufacture \$'000	Total Value Added \$'000
		Number	Number	Salaries and Wages \$'000		
Veneer and Plywood Mills	1969	3	x	x	x	x
	1970	3	432	2,658	10,442	3,812
Sawmills and Planing Mills	1969	148	2,311	11,360	38,934	20,493
	1970	123	2,132	11,673	39,431	17,438
Men's Clothing Factories	1969	14	x	x	x	x
	1970	14	1,596	8,090	23,114	12,998
Embroidery, Pleating and Hem Stitching Manufactures	1969	3	18	80	144	109
	1970	3	x	x	x	x
Canvas Products Manufactures	1969	9	207	898	3,429	1,657
	1970	9	234	1,113	3,764	1,765
Plastics Fabricating Industry	1969	30	372	2,018	7,417	3,690
	1970	31	x	x	x	x
Breweries	1969	6	550	4,501	23,423	16,188
	1970	6	562	4,941	24,267	16,560
Soft Drink Manufacturers	1969	21	817	4,616	20,331	9,617
	1970	19	810	5,015	23,820	11,265
Confectionery Manufacturers	1969	5	30	138	207	102
	1970	5	28	147	214	108
Bakeries	1969	170	1,825	9,192	29,257	17,138
	1970	164	1,630	9,429	29,086	16,272
Feed Industry	1969	84	733	4,442	43,828	10,449
	1970	82	667	4,315	43,797	10,064
Dairy Products Industry	1969	92	2,659	15,312	86,853	27,982
	1970	88	2,682	16,747	90,877	28,785
Poultry Processors	1969	6	465	2,019	16,848	4,146
	1970	5	x	x	x	x
Slaughtering and Meat Processors	1969	42	4,607	31,839	393,391	61,580
	1970	43	4,820	36,234	431,959	67,061

GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND COMPONENT ITEMS  
FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961 = 100)

		General CPI	Food	Housing	Clothing	Trans- portation	Health: Personal Care	Recreation: Reading	Tobacco: Alcohol
July	1970	125.5	129.5	119.0	126.7	121.2	143.6	134.3	124.2
July	1971	128.2	133.2	120.6	128.8	125.1	147.7	137.3	125.3
June	1972	133.0	141.4	124.8	132.7	131.1	153.6	139.6	125.4
July	1972	133.1	141.6	125.0	132.9	131.2	153.4	139.6	125.4

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS - ALBERTA 1971-1972

			Capital	Repair	Capital & Repair Expenditures		
			Expen- ditures	Expen- ditures	Con- struction	Machinery & Equip.	Total
			(millions of dollars)				
1.	Primary Industries and Industry	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	755.0 715.6 722.4	194.0 201.5 201.5	566.2 545.9 554.4	382.8 371.2 369.5	949.0 917.1 923.9
<u>Manufacturing:</u>							
2.	Food and Beverages	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	23.0 18.9 19.6	9.7 9.5 9.5	9.8 9.0 8.5	22.9 19.4 20.6	32.7 28.4 29.1
3.	Wood	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	11.5 7.8 8.5	2.4 2.4 2.4	3.8 1.8 2.4	10.1 8.4 8.5	13.9 10.2 10.9
4.	Metal Fabricating	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	2.3 2.5 2.8	1.5 1.6 1.6	0.7 0.8 1.4	3.1 3.3 3.0	3.8 4.1 4.4
5.	Non-metallic Mineral Products	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	8.6 19.2 30.3	4.8 5.2 5.2	2.2 7.1 10.5	11.2 17.3 25.0	13.4 24.4 35.5
6.	Other Manufacturing	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	85.0 109.2 117.6	31.2 35.4 35.4	31.4 51.1 63.9	84.8 93.5 89.1	116.2 144.6 153.0
7.	Sub-totals (2 to 6)	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	130.4 157.6 178.8	49.6 54.1 54.1	47.9 69.8 86.7	132.1 141.9 146.2	180.0 211.7 232.9
8.	Utilities	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	333.7 338.6 372.5	123.1 130.0 130.0	243.7 259.9 265.8	213.1 208.7 236.7	456.8 468.6 502.5
9.	Trade, Finance and Commercial Services	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	141.0 169.4 180.3	27.4 30.1 30.1	79.1 93.5 107.6	89.3 106.0 102.8	168.4 199.5 210.4
10.	Housing	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	380.5 392.5 425.6	73.4 78.1 78.1	453.9 470.6 503.7	- - -	453.9 470.6 503.7
11.	Institutional Services &	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	347.2 368.7 361.9	78.4 79.7 79.7	373.3 388.3 377.0	52.3 60.1 64.6	425.6 448.4 441.6
12.	Totals	1971 <sup>1</sup> 1972 <sup>2</sup> 1972 <sup>3</sup>	2,087.8 2,142.4 2,241.5	545.9 573.5 573.5	1,764.1 1,828.0 1,895.2	869.6 887.9 919.8	2,633.7 2,715.9 2,815.0

1. Preliminary actual                      2. Original forecast                      3. Revised forecast

Capital expenditures by all sectors of the Alberta economy during 1972 were expected to reach \$2,241.5 million at mid year as compared to the year end 1971 forecast of \$2,142.4 million. Most of the increase occurred in the utilities sector, up \$34 million, and the housing sector, up \$33 million. Only institutional services and government departments reported a decrease in planned expenditures, from \$369 million to \$362 million. At \$2,815 million the revised 1972 total represents an increase of 6.9% over expenditures undertaken during the previous year.

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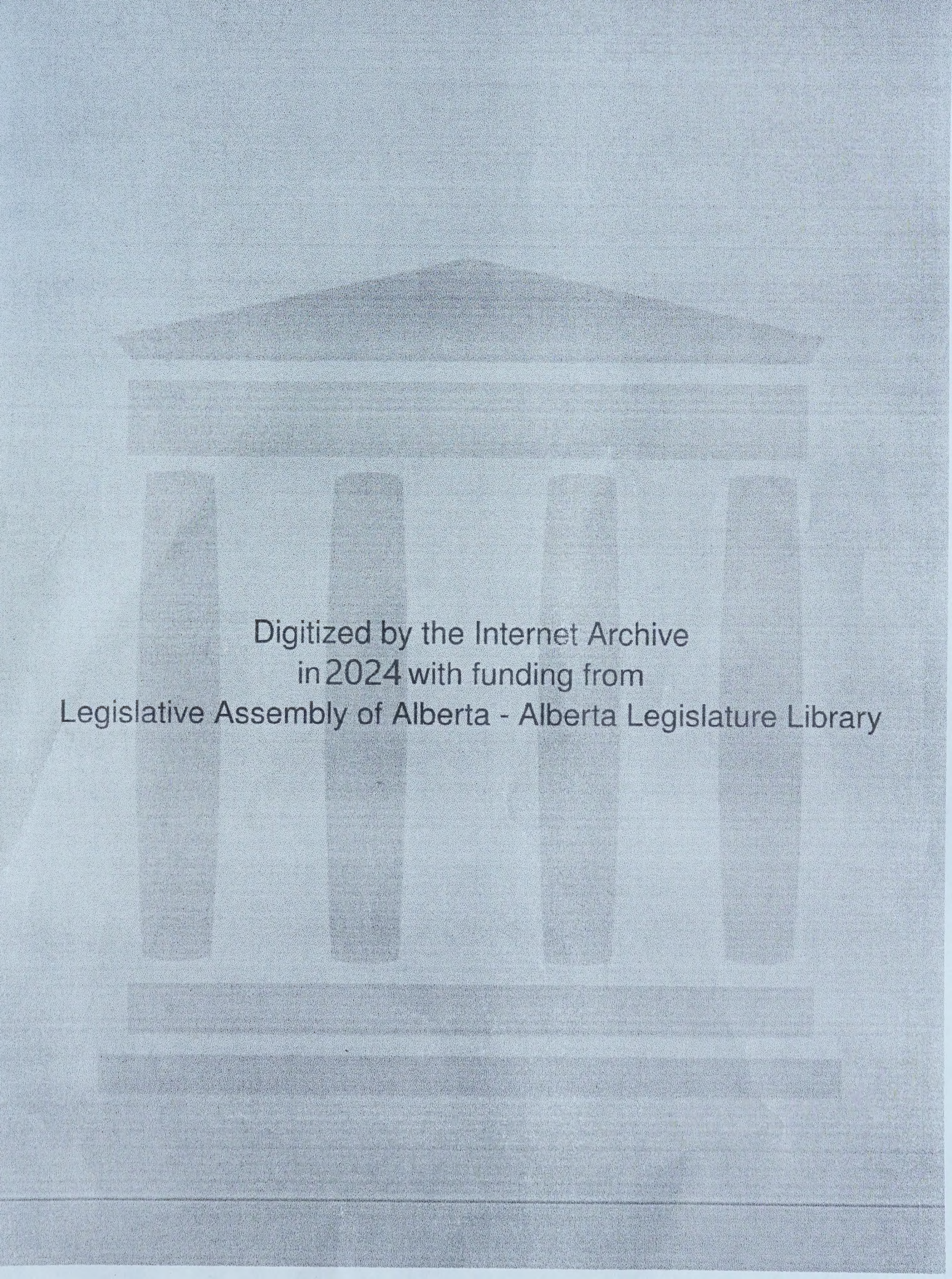
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